



Mrs. Morton (Becky) Fry holds a green glass cup and saucer she is collecting. The old family spinning wheel is in perfect condition. The picture is a flour sack from the old Fry's gristmill.

Fry Family

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them at Vintage, New Holland and Green Dragon.

The Fry farm has 225 acres, 125 acres of it in production. Most of it is planted in nursery stock. They also rent some other farms.

They grow 150 acres of hay and 100 acres of corn besides the 14 acres of crown vetch and the 70 acres of crown vetch seed. They had a Holstein dairy herd until two years ago.

Morton is the seventh generation to farm this farm. Hunts Martin was the original pioneer in 1740. After him was Morton Fry, then Morton Fry Jr. He had Frysville Post Office. He built a grist mill and saw mill, creamery and distillery, also a big cafe in the mill. His son John succeeded him and built a new mill. His son Jacob operated the mill until 1918. Miles is Jacob's son.

The sandstone house of Mr. and

Mrs. Miles Fry was built in 1773 and has been restored and added to. It is furnished in beautiful antiques. They are the sixth generation to live in this house.

The stone house Mr. and Mrs. Morton S. Fry live in was built in 1764 and their stone barn was built about the same time. Both are in excellent condition, the barn having been pointed and the house restored and modernized.

The office in their home is paneled with boards from the old mill. The ceiling light fixture is a converted drive wheel from their old horse power which was used for threshing and other power jobs. They have a large 1856 Ephrata Township map, with names of families who lived there, on the wall.

There are numerous antiques such as a collection of Indian arrowheads, cradle scythes, old flour sacks, sleigh bells and wooden forks hanging about the walls.

Mrs. Becky Fry, the daughter

of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Gill of Arizona, lived on a farm on the Kentucky-Tennessee border till she was six years old. The family moved to Louisville, Kentucky and was there until Becky was a freshman in college. She went to the University of Kentucky two years. She was enrolled in medical technology and bacteriology.

It was there she met Morton. He graduated from there, having had four years in general agriculture. Becky says "I prefer the farm. I was raised in the city and tried both."

Morton and Becky have four children. Vincent is in eleventh grade at Ephrata Sr. High School, taking the academic course. He is in the ski club and the ecology club. He is interested in archeology and has a large collection of Indian arrowheads. He is interested in American history, especially World War II. He wants to go to college, then join the air force. His hobby is building radio controlled model airplanes.

Victoria, "Vicki", is in eighth grade at Ephrata Jr. High School. She is in the mixed chorus and in the gymnastics club. She has a first year 4-H Angus steer, two riding horses and a pony. She sells Christmas cards and gifts. She is a good cook and cake baker. She takes turns cooking the evening meal with her brother Tony. She likes to roller skate and ice skate but her favorite pastime is horseback riding.

Tony is 11 years old and is in fifth grade at Bergstrasse Elementary School. "He is very mechanical and a great fixer", says his mother. He is on the farm equipment all the time. He built a collapsible hothouse. He is a good salesman and takes an active interest in a lot of things. He loves to cook and is an excellent pie baker.

Simon will be four years old in June. These children had racoons and opossums for awhile. Their pet now is a skunk named "Hunk Poo" which they have had two years.

Morton belongs to the Pennsylvania Nurserymen Association, the American Nurserymen Association, the Maryland Nurserymen Association, International Shade Tree Conference and the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. He has a collection of horsedrawn vehicles and farm implements. He has a wicker basket buggy, a wicker sleigh and a surrey with fringe on top.

Frys belong to Bethany U.C.C. Church, Ephrata. Morton is a deacon.

Becky was on the International Christian Youth Exchange committee last year. She entertained an exchange student from Korea for five months in 1971. She has taught a Sunday School class, sang in the choir and was on the board of christian education. Vincent is a student trustee. Vicki is in the youth choir and in the youth group.

Becky and Morton have belonged to the Cocalico Valley Historical Society for four years. She had open house when they had their tour last December.

Becky has belonged to Lancaster Kennel Club about 10 years. She raises Dachshund and Saint Bernard dogs. She has two male and eight female Dachshund dogs and one male and one female Saint Bernard.



Mrs. Fry, before their living room fireplace, holds a Majolica spittoon. More Majolica pieces are on the mantel and an old oil painting of their farm hangs above the mantel.

Sometimes she sells 60 or more a year but she says "I'm more interested in quality than quantity I dabble in taking them to local shows." She takes them to Reading, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Philadelphia and has taken some prizes.

Tony had a Welsh Corgi dog. Becky would like to get a couple more of them.

Vincent has a miniature Schnauzer and Vicki has a Brittany Spaniel. Becky hopes to build a kennel this year.

Becky has brought many fine family heirlooms down from their attic and, together with some they bought, has their home furnished with them.

Some of the more outstanding ones are an old Victorian sofa, a spinning wheel and a cellarette. A prized possession is an oil painting of their farm which is over 100 years old, done by a friend of the family. She has several agateware pieces and some old wooden kitchen gadgets.

Becky has a collection of Majolica ware they have bought. A favorite piece is a spittoon her husband bought for her birthday. She has some End Of The Day glassware and a collection of old bottles. She has started to collect some green glassware.

Becky does a lot of sewing for herself and Vicki. Her mother was a good seamstress and taught her when she was a young girl. She made mother-daughter outfits for Easter. She makes a lot of Christmas gifts and boutique balls. She says "I don't believe in buying commercial gifts."

Becky loves to read all kinds of books and has to discipline herself to keep from reading all the time. She likes to study contract bridge and plays four or five games a year.

She also loves to ski. She started four years ago and their older children started this year. She says "Skiing is my favorite outside sport and contract bridge is my favorite inside sport."

Frys have two gardens and they do a lot of freezing vegetables.

Becky finds time to do some community work. She was captain of Section Nine of Ephrata Township Cancer Drive two years.

Of all her interests, her main ones are raising dogs and her antiques but she says the children come first. She is kept busy chauffeuring them. She opens her house to lots of company. She says it looks like a teen rec enter in summer.

Here are some of the favorite Fry family recipes:

Thick Potato Soup
3 to 4 cups chopped celery
6 cups diced potatoes
1 onion

Cook in 4 cups water. Add:
4 cups milk (add 1 more cup of milk if too thick)

2 tablespoons butter
4 hard boiled eggs, diced
2 teaspoons salt
Dash of pepper
Heat and add.
½ teaspoon onion salt
½ teaspoon celery salt
1 8 ounce can of minced clams, drained

Makes 12 servings

Deviled Clams

Mix
8 to 10 slices of bread, crumbled
2 cans of minced clams and juice
3 teaspoons mustard (prepared)
¾ cup mayonnaise
1 teaspoon celery salt
1 teaspoon onion salt
1 teaspoon worcestershire sauce
Dash pepper

Mix and put in clam shells (These can be bought).

Cover with dry bread crumbs and dot with butter. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees (Have to dry away from shell and get nice and brown.)

Fills at least 8 shells

Saged (Creamed) Hamburger Brown

1¼ pound hamburger
1 teaspoon onion salt
1 teaspoon garlic salt
1 teaspoon celery salt
2 tablespoons flour
Add:
Milk enough to cover and be thick
½ teaspoon sage, or to taste
Salt and pepper to taste

Serve over an ounce package of cooked munchen noodles.

Quick Hamburger Stroganoff

Saute ¼ cup chopped onions in 2 tablespoons butter or shortening until soft, or 1 teaspoon onion salt may be added to the next ingredients.

Brown:
1¼ lb. hamburger
2 tablespoons flour
½ teaspoon garlic salt
Add:

1 can cream of mushroom soup

Then add:

¼ teaspoon pepper
½ teaspoon paprika
¼ teaspoon monosodium glutamate (Accent)

Simmer 10 minutes. Then add

½ cup sour cream, and serve. (Don't cook). Serve over boiled rice

Variation: Use stew meat instead of hamburger and serve over noodles. Serves 6.

Mulligan Stew

Melt in heavy skillet 1 tablespoon shortening. Brown over medium heat 1 pound stewing beef, cut in small peices. Add 1 teaspoon salt. Str in 1-10 ounce can tomato soup and 1 soup can of water. Cover tightly and let cook slowly one hour or till tender.

When meat is tender, add:
3 carrots, cut in thick slices
3 potatoes, pared and quartered
3 medium onions halved

Cover and continue cooking slowly, about 30 minutes. If there is not enough liquid, add more water during cooking. If stew is too thin, take off lid and cook

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